

Remarks

Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 12, 14-19, 21, 23-27, and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese patent no. 09288527 (“Yamashita”).

Claims 2, 5, 10, 13, 20, 22 and 28 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for the reasons given below.

Independent claims 1, 9, 17, and 26 each recite a register having a selection field that is used to select an entry from the table of frequency and voltage combinations. The office action admits that Yamashita does not teach such a register. Since a rejection under 35 USC 102 requires that every element in the claim be found in the single cited reference, such a rejection is invalid based solely on the admission that at least one of the elements is not taught in the reference. The office action further states that such a register is inherent in Yamashita, reasoning that the selected entry must be saved in a register. Applicants wish to point out that this reasoning is not applicable either, since the claim clearly states that the register has a selection field that is used to select an entry in the table. Using the contents of a register to select an entry from a table is quite different than using a register to save an entry that has already been selected. Yamashita does not disclose nor suggest all the elements of any of independent claims 1, 9, 17 or 26.

The remaining claims each depend from one of claims 1, 9, 17 or 26, and therefore contain the same limitations not disclosed or suggested by Yamashita.

Claims 3 and 11 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. However, in view of the above discussion, applicants believe that such rewriting is currently unnecessary.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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